

## Solid Waste Solutions, Inc.

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Wednesday, July 21, 2004

California Integrated Waste Management Board  
Don Peri, Grant Manager  
Used Oil Grant Program  
1001 "I" Street, 9th Fl.  
Sacramento, CA.  
95812-4025

RE: 10<sup>th</sup> Cycle block grant application deadline.

Dear Don,

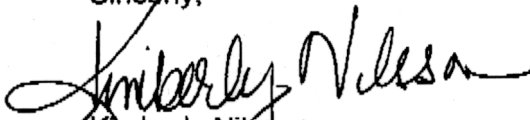
In response to your telephone conversation with my office today, I would like to formally state that I strongly disagree with fellow applicants who have requested and could be granted leniency for failing to get their block grant applications submitted to the CIWMB offices on time. As you and I discussed on the morning of June 1<sup>st</sup>, several of my clients did not return their application packages to us until late in the day on May 28, 2004 and May 31<sup>st</sup> was a holiday. I contacted your office early in the morning on Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> to request that I be able to fax the signed/executed applications to the CIWMB and overnight the packages for a receipt on June 2, 2004. You verified that the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 4pm deadline was a firm deadline and a faxed application was not acceptable.

As we are a consultant for a variety of cities it is our job to make sure the applications were submitted. A loss of the block grant funding was not acceptable. Therefore, in order to have the applications to you on time and in accordance with the deadline listed on the application forms, at 11:00am I made airplane and car reservations and a member of my staff hand delivered the packages to the CIWMB offices in Sacramento prior to the 4:00pm deadline. (As a sidenote, the approximately \$500 in expenses for this were not charged to our jurisdictions.)

As you well know, the application states: **"Application Due Date: Received no later than June 1, 2004, 4:00 PM"**. Your office also sent out reminder e-mails to all jurisdictions to make sure everyone knew that this was a no-exceptions policy. Therefore, it is my opinion that this deadline should remain in force and a no excuses policy for everyone should apply, with no exceptions.

Thank you for your time and consideration, if we can be of any further assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Nilsson  
Vice President/Owner